

FORCE XXI, AMERICA'S ARMY OF THE 21ST CENTURY, 15 JANUARY 1995

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Definition

U.S. Army Vision - The world's best army, a full spectrum force trained and ready for victory. A total force of quality soldiers and civilians. It is a values-based organization; an integral part of the joint team; equipped with the most modern weapons and equipment the country can provide; able to respond to our Nation's needs; and changing to meet challenges of today, tomorrow, and the 21st century.

U.S. Army Mission - Preserve the peace and security, and provide for the defense of the United States, the Territories, Commonwealths, and Possessions, and any areas occupied by the United States; support national policies; implement national objectives; and overcome any nations responsible for aggressive acts that imperil the peace and security of the United States

Synopsis

Force XXI is the Army's comprehensive process for modernizing and preparing for the challenges of the 21st century. Force XXI projects our soldiers into the 21st century and provides them the necessary doctrine and organizations, the most realistic training, and the best equipment and weapons systems that our nation can provide. The Force XXI process uses rigorous evaluations and advanced warfighting experiments to evaluate information age technology. The process combines the six patterns of operation that must be performed in war and other military operations -- project the force, protect the force, shape the battlespace, decisive operations, sustain the force, and gain information dominance -- with the power of information technology to improve capabilities. The incorporation of digital technology will provide unprecedented abilities to gather and share information. These abilities combined with organizational versatility will allow the Army to generate greater combat power more rapidly when responding to the increasingly broad range of missions assigned. The Army is using this process to redefine how it fights, organizes, trains, and commands.

The document provides an emerging success story. It describes the need to transform our Army for the future. The document presents the Force XXI objectives of dominant maneuver, project & sustain, conduct precision strikes, win the information war, and protect the force. It discusses the critical challenge to have an Army that remains trained and ready, while growing more capable. The discussion of the Force XXI campaign plan focuses on three separate but complementary efforts: the redesign of the Army operational forces, the reinvention of the institutional Army, and the development and acquisition of information-age technologies for battle command.



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The product of the Force XXI process is Army XXI - a versatile force with the capabilities to win the nation's wars, prevent conflict, and sustain operations. Based on lessons learned in recent years, the Army of the future must be smaller, more capable, and remain trained and ready to meet the needs of the Nation. This concept lays the framework for a "test bed" organization that allows for future structural refinement of brigades, divisions, and corps through the integration of: new concepts and doctrine; new processes; modernization; digital technologies; distributed interactive simulations; experimentation in concert with training; and general headquarters exercises. Leveraging seamless information transfer both from and to the foxhole and throughout all command echelons will mold how we fight, organize, and command.

What Does This Mean for Military Public Health?

The following themes are common to other planning documents on our list:

- ◆ the tempo and complexity of military operations have continued to increase since the end of the Cold War. Emerging operational requirements establish the need for preventive medicine services which optimize human performance;
- ◆ the necessity to provide health threat assessments, appropriate countermeasures, and relevant information to the requesting commanders or policy makers in a near real time mode is a requirement for which we only have limited capability;
- ◆ by evaluating and optimizing the use of technology to obtain, evaluate, and disseminate this integrated health information to commanders, policy makers and individuals who can act to influence health and prevent diseases and injuries will provide us with a near real time capability; and
- ◆ we need to look at all our products and services to determine if their use results in promoting and maintaining a healthy and fit Force capable of operating effectively in the 21st century.